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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present application claims priority from PCT/EP98/06255 and its corresponding German applications. Note that the amendments are based on Amendments made under Article 34, rather than International Patent Application PCT/EP98/06255 as filed.

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".

In claim 5, line 1, replace "one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

In claim 6_line 1, replace "one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

In claim 7, line 1, replace "one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

In claim 8, line, 1, replace "one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

In claim 9, line 1, replace "one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

In claim 10, line 1, replace one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

In claim 12, line 1, replace "one of the preceding claims" with -- claim 1 --.

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